

One can't deny Patsie's being Irish. Her name is Patricia McNamara; she celebrates her birthday on St. Patrick's Day. Many more of them to you, fair colleen.

During the week of St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, the oldest Irish Church in Chicago, on Desplaines and Adams Streets, celebrated it's hundred years of existence. It was all bedecked with flags from Erin, the white and yellow Papal flag and the banners of United States. The church is very unique architecturally and in the design of its stained glass windows as well as the interior decorations, all of which are very Irish. A bit of Eire in Chicago.

On March 21st, at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Solemn High Mass was sung in memoriam for Lt. Charles Rudauskas who died for his country a year previously, but a few days after his 22nd birthday.

## FAIR HOPE



This picture was taken in front of the Methodist Church of Fairhope, Ala., right after the ceremony on January 17 '46 that made Marietta Stuersel Mrs. Sergio Fernandez. It was the loveliest wedding of the season and they make a wonderful couple for both are as fine and as good as they come.

With the termination of the war, overcrowded Fairhope, which had a large influx of people to work in the Mobile shipyards, anticipated a complete exodus of all these workers. But many have fallen in love with Fairhope and decided to make their home there. Too, many returning vets decided to make their homes in Fairhope. The town is now undertaking a large building program in both the residential and the business district. The City Council is planning a big improvement campaign with many streets scheduled for paving and other improvements on the agenda.

Public sessions of English and American folk dances are being conducted every Tuesday nightt at Commings Hall, on the Organic Campus. Jimmy Lowell is the instructor.

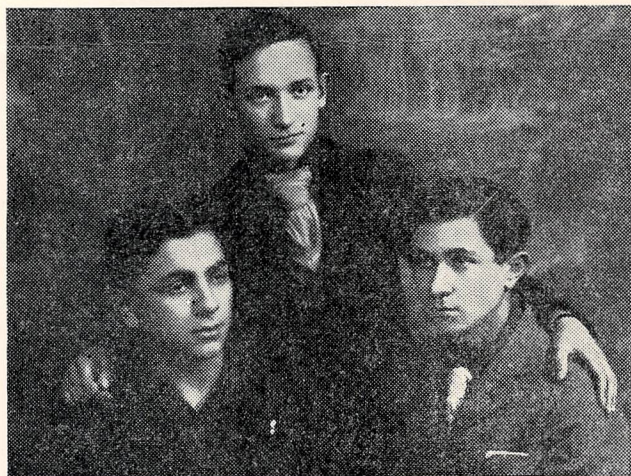
Spring is well under way in Fairhope and Southern Alabama. The azaleas are in bloom, dogwood gleams in the woodland, the scent of wisteria winding around the

pine, live-oak and arbor, is heavenly. Bridalwreath, jasmine and other flowers add to the beauty that is so typical of Fairhope.

The May Day Festival which was discontinued during the war will be resumed once again in Daphne. The most betutiful lass of Baldwin county is selected as queen and, a gala atmosphere reigns throughout the pageant.

## AS FOR MYSELF

While attending the Don Cossack concert, I met Rodin and his wife there. Rodin was a very close buddy of my brother Ari (Arējas). I was happy to meet him; he was a link with a family that exists no longer. To prove to me that he was a close friend of my brother, he had me over at his home for supper (and an enjoyable home cooked meal it was) and has let me browse through his album which he had brought from Lithuania in which he has several pictures of my brother. The picture reproduced in this column were given me



by Rodin. My brother is standing and Rodin is to the right. I was very happy to see him, although the news I had to convey to him only opened my wounds and saddened him. Rodin was a frequent guest at our farmstead and spent many week-ends at our "Bakuže" (thatch-roofed log cabin).

My brother married in '39. During the first Russian invasion he was separated from his wife and parents, and was taken to Bukhara (in Asiatic Turkmania), near Afghanistan, where he died. His last letter to me was a very pathetic one; in despair and worried what might have happened to his beautiful wife, our parents, brother and sister. He asked me to get in touch with them. But neither cablegram or letter could enter Lithuania during the war. My response he never received, for he died from pain and sorrow such as none of us can realize. What happened to his wife, I have no idea. My youngest brother and sister were taken out by the Russians to parts unknown to any of us, and we have no idea if they are alive. My parents, without knowing what happened to their children, were killed by the Germans. God alone knows their terror, pain and sufering as they faced the beastly murderers.

Often all this comes to my mind driving me to thoughts of gloom, melancholy and despair. This, naturally, aggravates my colitis and depresses my health. People say, "You must forget about it, for this is an era of upheavel." Indeed, it is too easy for those who have not experienced all this mental and physical torment to say that.



Ari's wife Dina (Dinutė — Precious Day)

March 24th marked the passing of a year since my discharge from Cottage Hill Sanatorium. The discharge is considered a miracle. When in Mobile last January, I called on one of the doctors who had emphatically predicted my certain death. He was happy to see me looking well and insisted that only faith and a miracle cured me. The Sanatorium doctor had said when I was first confined on January 20th, 14 months earlier, that only a miracle would heal me. He predicted peaceful rest below ground. But, God is the healer; since a year ago March, I certainly covered a great deal of territory above ground, including N. Dakota, Alabama once again. Adventure Island, and where not! I'm earning my own livelihood, and I am no burden on anyone; I teach at International House, Northwestern Settlement, Fellowship House, Roosevelt College, a Lithuanian group and another Special group. For this I'm grateful to God, even tho I often feel that my patience is being tried, as was Job's. The colitis during the last winter has too often led me to entertain most unholy thoughts.

The happier moments are when teaching, or seeing many of my buddies who were discharged and returning safely.

I wish you all a very joyous Eastertide. May the Feast of the Resurrection bring new hopes and happiness to all of us.

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SEE ME AT THE ANTIQUE SHOWS

Mills House, Oak Park, Ill. April 9, 10, 11; 12.

First Methodist Church, Wheaton, Ill. April 24, 25, 26.

Stevens Hotel, Booth 19. May 6, 7, 8, 9; 10.

## The BALTIC STATES

### Balts Dared Not Vote

Most of the 1,638,654 voters who actually endangered their lives by voting against the Communist candidates, were found in the Baltic regions of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. These people still have independent minds.

Representatives selected by Moscow to represent Lithuania and placed on the Lithuanian ballot, were Russians who can't even understand Lithuanian and were imported from unknown places. The main representative selected for Lithuania was the Russ, Fyodor Gavrilovich Kovalev. Alexander Nikitovich Isachenko was sent in to be elected as secretary of the Communist Party. Election propagandists sent by Moscow were: Efrozina Semenovna Zhuk, Taisia Prolova, Ekaterina Razina, Alexandra Gradska, P. N. Fedosejev and P. N. Pospolev.

Vilna, the ancient Lithuanian capitol, has been peopled with 40,000 Russians from Kiev and Kharkov districts. Meanwhile, almost 30,000 Lithuanians have been slaughtered by the Russians since their re-occupation of Lithuania, and from three to four thousand Lithuanians are being taken out of Lithuania each month and being sent to the Northern Ural districts around Vorksla and Pechiora. This is only one method of destroying a nation — one result of the Four Freedoms for which we fought.

### Medals For Russians

Justas Paleckis, Quisling president of the puppet government of Lithuania, distributed medals; but it seems that no Lithuanians "distinguished" themselves to earn any. These Russians received them: Mikhail Kosyanov, Vitalii Shchedrin, Solomon Reinshtein, Vladimir Yegorov, Vitalii Grizhov, Valenti and Tikhon Seminov, Vladimir Lepilov, Alexander Golozubov, Nikolai Ondrikov, Victor Oreshkin and Vasilii Golubov. Perhaps the Russians are now becoming a majority where once they were the smallest minority.

### Jews Under The Russ

New York, March 10 (LAIC)—Many were under the impression that the lot of the Jews under the Red-Fascist regime would improve for the better. Instead it proved worse, and many Jews from Lithuania and other occupied lands are fleeing the Russian dominated countries en mass. The Jews are being sent to Siberian concentration camps and gettos. To those Jewesses of the concentration camp near Danzig who miraculously remained alive the Bolsheviks said: "Since you labored for the Germans, you can labor for us for some four or five years. Starving and in the barest of living conditions, they were placed in cargo trains and sent to Siberia. One Jew, who survived the dread Dachau and other Nazi concentration camps, expected relief from the Russians. A Commie said: "So many Jews were slaughtered; how come you are still alive? That probably means you have been of some benefit to the Germans." The Jew retorted. "So many Russians were killed in the war; how come you are alive?"

### Baltic Refugees

Mrs. Lucy Adams, UNRRA director in the British and American zones of Germany, informed the correspondents that there are 74,000 Latvians, 50,000 Lithuanians and 24,000 Estonians in the American and British zones of Occupation. They are all healthy and industrious people and very much like Americans.